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## EDITORIAL LICENCE.

### THE LACK OF DISCIPLINE IN SCOUTING

Although Scout census figures for the past year show an increase for the Union, and although new Crews and Troops have been formed on the crest of a wave of enthusiasm, nevertheless Scouting in South Africa, is not making the progress it should.

There are hundreds of boys and young men of the right type who would not join our ranks even if they were asked, and support from the public is not as general as it ought to be.

This state of affairs can be traced back to one primary cause --- the lack of discipline in the Scout Movement. It has been adopted as a principle of Scouting that we are non-military, and those at the head of affairs have been so eager to prevent any suspicion that we might be "playing at soldiers" that they have followed the opposite and short-sighted policy of allowing the Movement to develop with little discipline at all.

To be persuaded to join the Movement, or to give us their money or their support, members of the general public must be shown results, to prove that the Movement is worthwhile. And without discipline it is impossible to accomplish anything on a scale big enough to impress the public.

Scouters are not disciplined --- that is why dozens of attempts in the past to do something big have resulted in dismal failure; that is why it is almost impossible to get a reply to a Headquarters circular; that is why we never receive any publicity in the Daily Press; and that is why a large section of the youth of to-day regard Scouting as something unworthy of their notice.

Oh, yes, we know that each officer in his little troop is doing a great deal of good to the individual boys, but it is the Movement as a whole which is important, and without a better public reputation we cannot get that extra support and added man-power we so badly need.

The lack of discipline is to be seen in all ranks of the Movement. The majority of troops are so badly controlled that Scouts in large bodies are almost a rabble, and cannot be allowed to make an appearance in public in case their appearance is too "sloppy" to bring us credit. Of course, to practise a little marching beforehand would be to lay ourselves open to a charge of militarism!

But there are other methods of discipline than marching and being made to stand up straight in a line (although the majority of us would not suffer for a little of that.)

What we need is a disciplined state of mind in the Movement.

The fault lies with those at the head of things -- with the Rover Scouts and the officers who are largely drawn from their ranks. It is true that most successful Scout officers are marked individualists, but it is necessary to

realise that each troop or crew is not a separate entity, but a part of what should be a great whole.

Rovering has been raised from its lethargy, and most of us are beginning to pull our weight; the only thing that now remains is for us all to pull in the same direction.

Not only among the Rovers and officers of the Movement, but among the laymen serving on group and district committees there lurks the knowledge that the service they render is purely voluntary, and unless they get their own way, they back out of whatever is being organised, or become hampering passengers. The threat of losing their voluntary services (although we should be able to do without such half-hearted help) is usually sufficient to get them their own way, with the result that unanimity cannot be reached, and the project under discussion is shelved. Just one more thing which might have done us some good if lack of discipline had not caused it to flop!

We must get away from this petty personal outlook, we must realise that we are working together for a common cause. Scouting is a democratic Movement, and everyone will be given the opportunity to express his views. But once a course has been decided upon by the majority, and some person or persons put in charge of the arrangements, that course must be adhered to, and the orders of those in charge must be obeyed. Before the enterprise is under way is the time to bring out criticisms, not when the matter is on the way to finality.

Rovers must get used to the idea that it is possible in Scouting to receive an order and carry it out without a loss of personal prestige.

I take it that we are all in this Game for the same thing -- to build up a Movement which will train our boys and young men to be happy, healthy and useful citizens. Let us now realise the truth of the Union motto that "Union is Strength"; let us run our Movement on organised and disciplined lines, and pull together for the cause to which we have devoted ourselves.

Yours in Rovering,

CLAUDE L. COOK

Editor.

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### THE EDITOR ON LEAVE.

R/S Claude Cook, editor of Veld Trails, leaves this month for a three-months' trip oversea, in the course of which he will attend the World Rover Moot at Monzie Castle in Scotland. He will send out first-hand impressions of the Moot for publication in our magazine.

During his absence, Scrawler Robertson has agreed to resume temporary editorship for three months, and contributions should be sent to :-

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# SOUTH AFRICAN ROVER SCOUT NATIONAL SERVICE REGISTER

## S.A. SCOUT COUNCIL ADOPTS T.R.S.C. PROPOSALS

14,000 FORMS ISSUED ON THE FIRST DAY.  
SIGN ON NOW AND HELP THE ROVER SCOUT MOVEMENT!

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The biggest task tackled by the Transvaal Rover Scout Committee has come to a successful conclusion with the adoption by the S.A. Scout Council of the Committee's proposals for the establishment of a Rover Scout National Service Register.

The matter was first discussed at the Transvaal Rover Committee as a result of a proposal by Mr. A. Greenblatt. The Committee enthusiastically adopted the proposal as a concrete suggestion for Rover Service, and a special sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. A. Nimmo; Secretary, A. Robertson and Messrs. A. Greenblatt, J. Armstrong, C. Martin and the editor of Veld Trails was appointed to draw up a questionnaire, to be filled in by all Rovers signing the register.

When the questionnaire was handed on to Transvaal Divisional Headquarters, they took the matter a step further, and brought it up at the meeting of the S.A. Scout Council in Kimberley.

The result was that the form, with certain amendments to make it suitable for the whole country, was adopted as the official form for South Africa.

The following letter has been received by the chairman of the Transvaal Rover Committee in this connection :-

### COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the S.A. Scout Council to ask you to convey to the Transvaal Rover Scout Committee an expression of warm thanks for the comprehensive registration form for emergency which that committee has drawn up.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided to adopt this form as a standard form for the registration of Rover Scouts in the Union of South Africa for local or national emergency.

The Executive Committee is appreciative of the time which has been spent on compiling this very excellent document. It is thoroughly comprehensive and the information when obtained will be of the greatest value to the Association.

I may add that in its deliberations in regard to the registration of both Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts the Executive Committee found this form of the utmost value and it enabled the committee to come to an early decision and saved them a considerable amount of time in having to draft one.

The form is in the printers' hands and will be distributed by S.A. Headquarters to all Divisions in the course of the next week.

Yours faithfully,

KENNETH FLEISCHER.

Secretary.

Forms have by now been sent to every Rover Crew in South Africa, and when they have been filled in in duplicate and returned, one copy to the district Local Association and one copy to Divisional Headquarters, the work of compiling the Register can begin. It is most essential that the forms should be filled in carefully, and that Crews who may not have received forms should apply to their Divisional Headquarters at once.

The Register is intended to make it possible for Rovers to render service in the time of any national emergency, either in peace time or in war, and will be brought up to date every year.

At the same time, the S.A. Scout Council adopted the principle of allowing all members of the Movement above the age of 14 years to enrol for national service, and a National Service Badge has been brought into being. It is recommended that all Rover Scouts signing the National Service form should qualify for the National Service Badge as soon as possible.

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### TRANSVAAL ROVERS ON THE AIR.

#### CAMPFIRE BROADCAST AS PUBLICITY EFFORT.

A new effort to impress on the public the fact that they are in active existence has been made by Transvaal Rovers. By arrangement with the S. A. Broadcasting Corporation, a complete Rover Scout campfire was recorded by wireless engineers at the Cottesloe Koppies on Monday, May 22, and after the records have been edited for broadcasting purposes, the campfire will be put over the air within a few weeks, probably in the "First time on the Air" series, or else in the "Music is Everywhere" feature.

Although the notice given to Crews was very short, quite a creditable number of Rovers turned out to the three rehearsals and to the broadcast, and the thanks of the producer are extended to all who contributed to the success of the entertainment. Although no polished performance was given, the standard set was considerably better than the average campfire, and when Rovers have learned that it takes a lot of hard work and co-operation with the producer to make a 100 per cent show. Transvaal Rovers may be able to put over an entertainment which will really make the public sit up and take notice.

The campfire was produced by R/S Claude Cook, and supervised for broadcasting by Mr. Cleland Finn.

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"Gobber, it's up to me and you to see that half his dreams come true ....."

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National Service is to-day a household word and it is a sad but true reflection of the times that such a service should exist. However, if we are to face up to facts we must do so squarely and not shirk the issue. At a time when it is essential to national welfare that all sections of the Community should pull together it is discouraging to hear so much race hatred coming from the mouths of men in position, who, because of their position, ought to know better than to stir one section of the country against the other.



How can we expect a nation to prosper if its peoples are cutting one another's throats in the Press, over the air, in the streets and schools? It is impossible. No better National Service could be rendered by South Africans than that of Tolerance and Moderation. How can we expect to develop a culture, how can we expect our commerce to flourish, how can we honestly hope to see our country take its place as one of the leaders of brotherhood and goodwill? To-day we are not marching towards the destiny that is in store for us. The frankness and candour, the out-spoken honesty, good sense and even good humour that could be ours is wanting.

Unless all that is strong, self-reliant, moral and kindly in this nation soon exerts itself with intelligence and energy to destroy this race hatred we shall fall into such disunion and decay as that which opened the gates of Rome to Alaric. No nation divided against itself can long stand.

Now is our chance - the chance we have been waiting for - to do our bit in this sunny land which will help to bring its people together. You know best in which direction your duty lies - go and do it. Overcome suspicion and contempt, hatred and jealousy, by acting tolerance towards your fellow South Africans - at work, at play, in the social round or the business centre. Hear what he has to say and say your bit too in such a way that you will part all the better for exchanging views. Don't wait for a national crisis to bring both races together - get together now. Remember these splendid men of former days - Botha and Milner, Paul Kruger and Rhodes and do not let it be said of South Africa that she -

" Scarce comprehending the voice  
Of her greatest golden-mouthed sons  
Of a former age any more,  
Stupidly travels her round  
Of mechanic business, and lets  
Slowly die out of her life  
Glory, and genius, and joy. "

"ONLOOKER"

### A Poem of Topical Interest

#### HERE'S TO US

The horse and mule live thirty years  
And nothing know of wines and beers;

The goat and sheep at twenty die  
And never taste of Scotch and Rye;

The cow drinks water by the ton -  
At eighteen she is mostly done;

The dog at fifteen cashes in  
Without the aid of rum and gin;

The cat in milk and water soaks  
And then in twelve short years it croaks;

The modest, sober, bonedry hen  
Lays eggs for nix, then dies at ten;

ALL ANIMALS ARE STRICTLY DRY -  
THEY SINLESS LIVE THEN SWIFTLY DIE.  
BUT SINFUL, GINFUL, RUM-SOAKED MEN  
SURVIVE FOR THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN!!

## PLANNING THE CREW PROGRAMME

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Article No. 6 by 1st Bellevue

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It is our custom to draw up a two months' programme at a time. This gives us a chance to get one or two good speakers who so have a fair margin of time to consider their subject and convenience.

It also enables our Scribe to get in touch with the institutions and industries we wish to visit and the crews that are to visit us or be visited. For evenings to be spent just among ourselves, it enables the person or persons responsible for running the evening, to prepare the doings in a methodical way and put the crew thro' its paces in a business like manner.

Below is our current programme, which owing to two Public Holidays occurring on Wednesdays, is not too wonderful, but such things have to be taken in our stride :-

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| May 3rd.  | Visit to Orange Grove Crew.  |
| 10th.     | Rehearsal of Rover Camp Fire at Cottesloe Den.   |
| 17th.     | Visit from Southern Suburbs Crew.  |
| 24th.     | Public Holiday.  |
| 31st.     | Public Holiday.  |
| June 7th. | Talk by Mr. Toby Innes the Pioneer Radio Engineer.   |
| 14th.     | Talk by the Assistant Trades Commissioner for Palestine on Conditions in Palestine to-day. |
| 21st.     | Treasure Hunt on advanced Scouting lines arranged by our Rover Mate Frank Westoll.         |
| 28th.     | Visit to Union Observatory.  |

Owing to unforeseen circumstances our programme had to be considerably altered after the first arrangement.

The Rovers themselves generally do more of the working of the crew so I may as well just give an average evenings programme as might be run for ourselves :-

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| 8.00 - 8.05.  | Opening Ceremony.   |
| 8.05 - 8.25.  | Correspondence and Other Business.  |
| 8.25 - 8.40.  | Observation Test (Arranged by a Rover).   |
| 8.40 - 9.30.  | Talk and demonstration on Plaster Casts, arranged by R/M each person present making some casts. |
| 9.30 - 9.45.  | Lively Game (Run by a Rover).   |
| 9.45 - 10.00. | Tea and Talk (Hard work for all!!).   |
| 10.00.        | Close of Meeting.   |

For the July issue we call upon CROWN MINES ROVER CREW to supply us with their programme scheme and specimen programmes.

## NOTHING?

"I want an article from you this month for "Veld Trails," said the Editor.

"Me?" I said rudely.

"Yes!" was the reply.

"What about?" was my rejoinder.

"Oh, anything that you know something about, if there is such a subject."

"I know nothing," I said, sarcastic like.

"Well, write about that," he barked out and strode off.

Just then two fellows passed and one remarked that there was nothing in the paper to-day - Nothing! thought I - that was what I have to write about.

Really, nothing was what I should describe as the contents of the office boy's head but - nothing, when you find it, must be a very empty place and one cannot truthfully say there is 'nothing' in the papers.

Just glance along the headlines of any newspaper to-day, - 'Britain confers with Poland, Germany with Italy and Rumania,' 'Japanese reverses in China,' 'Egyptian reaction to Italian troops massed on Lybian frontier,' 'South American States refute Nazi-ism,' 'India? - etc. - more like a Vth form geography book than the general conception of a newspaper. - But have you ever paused to think of the tremendous work it incurs - obtaining the news for a great daily, that one often hears complaints as having nothing in? Just consider the number of people who send important news to the agencies - of the huge task of winnowing the wheat from the chaff - the translation of it into various languages and the distribution to the papers all over the world - everything done at top speed - papers require red hot news, not history - 4, 6 - in some cases 7 days a week - Nothing!!!

Think of the reporters in the Press Gallery of the "House", when the House hasn't risen till the wee, sma' hours, their reports have to be telegraphed hundreds of miles, checked printed and distributed and the paper on the breakfast table - really a miracle that we all take for granted.

Difficulties undreamed of by most people HAVE to be overcome so that we can buy a twopenny paper to see what show is on or what Hitler is up to now.

Tons of paper, newsprint, comes halfway round the world to make our 'dailies' - ink has to be kept warm in the winter and cool in the summer so that it will neither run nor clog when the paper is produced. The distribution is another colossal undertaking. During the floods last season many episodes of heroism and endurance could have been written of the men who with van loads of paper, sped out into the blue (or should it be black?) and beat the elements by sheer pluck and their indomitable spirit. So pause before you say 'there is nothing in the paper.'

It is a stupendous piece of work with which we are apt to become contemptuously familiar.

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Veld Trails is NOT a free advertising medium for Group and Crew functions. Our space is primarily intended for news, and Crews wishing to have mention made of dances and similar functions should accompany their notices with a postal order for 5/-, on receipt of which the announcement will be set out as attractively as possible in advertisement form.

Calling all Rovers!by Roxy.

Life is sweet, brother .....  
 There is a day and a night brother,  
 Both sweet things;  
 Sun, Moon and Stars,  
 All sweet things, brother .....

George Borrow.

..... and there are children too, brother,  
 All sweet things, brother,  
 Some are full of life and laughter,  
 And some wizened and crying,  
 Some are tattered and tearless,  
 And some living and dieing .....

The children need you NOW. They whisper that a national emergency has always existed. They ask you not to wait for war before you offer your service, but to do so right now. The Childrens Aid Society appeals to you to spend an hour or two with the children; to organise games, to plan and plant a garden, to arrange outings and play games, to repair and repaint old toys, babies cots, tables and chairs. The material will be supplied.

Two Rovers are also required for escort duty on Wednesday or Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Transport will be supplied. Here is the opportunity for SERVICE as our Chief visualised.

Your reward will be the knowledge of having carried out your Scout Promise as appertaining to a Rover and receiving the gratitude and seeing the happiness of a child.

PROPOSED NEW ROVER SCOUT RULES.

At its last meeting the Transvaal Rover Committee began a detailed examination of the proposed Rover Scout rules, and representatives voted on each clause as they had been instructed by their Crews. It is hoped to complete the examination of the rules at the next meeting, when the recommendations of the Committee will be drawn up in concise form for presentation to the next S.A.R.S.I. in Rhodesia. This body will make the final recommendation as to whether the new rules are adopted, and what changes, if any, are to be made in their provisions.

FULL DRESS UNIFORM FOR ROVERS?

At the next meeting of the Transvaal Rover Committee a motion by Hatfield Crew, Pretoria, asking that the possibility of inaugurating a full-dress uniform for Rovers be investigated, will be discussed. Monk Salter will move the motion on behalf of his Crew.



## " WHY WE CHOSE HIM "

"You've been missing quite a few meetings lately, Doug.," said the S.M. to one of his boys.

"Yes sir, I'm getting too old for Scouting," replied Douggie.

"Well, why not try the Rover Crew. You know all the fellows and you'll get on all right. Besides Douggie, they can do with fellows like you."

"I'll see sir, I'll think it over," - and that was all there was to it. Douggie didn't see nor didn't think it over.

He, like many others just drifted out of the Troop, and never turned up at the Crew. But his Scoutmaster was an old Scout who had studied his boys, and he knew that wasn't the end.

He kept a watchful eye over Douggie, and a more watchful eye on the cause of Douggie's lack of interest in the Scout Movement. The cause! - a more little woman.

Charles Douglas Harwood was a lad of just over seventeen, when he left the Troop. Of powerful build, standing just on six feet in height, he was a favourite with the boys and much admired for his jolly nature, his ever ready help and his strength.

The little woman who was the cause of diverting Douggie's interest from Scouting to herself was not of the very best, and Douggie didn't half travel.

But the S.M. knew that Douggie couldn't keep that pace for long so travelled along himself to meet Douggie at the corner.

Douggie tripped, but the S.M. caught him, and together they walked back to the S.M.'s den for a chat.

"Well Doug, old pal," said the S.M. over a cup of tea as they were seated in the S.M.'s den - a place which Doug. knew well for it was open at all times to any of the lads - "just what have you been up to this last twelve months?"

"I don't quite know sir, except that I've made a d - d fool of myself," said Doug.

"I'm pleased you're so frank about it anyhow. I've thought the same thing myself."

"Oh! have you," said Doug., "I didn't think you'd noticed it sir, but I've got to do something, and I don't just know what."

"You know Doug, there is a saying 'Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do,' and that's your trouble," said the S.M.

"You've got far too much idle time. Now you've got to get a job. You simply can't waste your time loitering around the streets all day and every day, and getting into mischief in the evenings. You've got to find a job, and you must take up a spare time hobby.

I'll do my best to help you get employment, but as for a hobby, well now, let me think; You're such a handy, all-round chap, there are so many things you could do. You are one of my old boys, and have been a jolly good Scout. I should like to see you give the Crew a hand. They badly need leadership. Why not put your back into it and see if you can't make the Crew."

Douggie sat silent for some minutes, then as though with some sudden inspiration stood up and said "Righto sir, I'll tackle the job and I'll either make or break the Crew."

"Don't break it Doug, make it," said the S.M. laughingly. A little later Douggie bid the S.M. "Goodnight" and closed the front gate with "See you at the Crew on Tuesday night."

So Douggie came into the Crew.

It did not take Douggie long to get to work. Instead of quiet little social gatherings there was always work to be done. No spending every meeting night in useless talk. The Crew must make themselves proficient to render whatever service was required of them.

Douggie led the way and the Crew followed. He was the ideal "Mate." One couldn't help doing what was wanted when Doug had a hand in it. He was so persuasive, so jolly, so darned persistent.

Douggie soon got employment as a pumpman on one of the nearby mines. The working of shifts made it a little awkward for him to attend all the Crew meetings, but he saw that provision was made for his absence and kept his finger on the pulse of the Crew's activities.

Not long after Douggie attained his majority he had occasion to change shifts with one of his workmates. His mate wanted the Saturday evening off and Douggie ever ready to oblige offered to change shifts.

So down the mine to work he went on Saturday evening, returning home on Sunday morning.

During the course of operations at the mine on Saturday and Sunday an underground river was struck. It was feared that the flow of water would be too great for the pumps to cope with, so to test the flow and pressure a water-tight door was closed and the pressure of the water registered.

Douggie came on shift again on Sunday evening. It was found that the flow of water was not so great as was thought at first, and that the pumps would be quite able to cope with the flow so Douggie was instructed to open the water-tight door.

He and his native assistant went, lamps in hand to the door, released the bar and slid the bolts. As they opened the door there was a blinding flash and a few seconds later a terrific report.

Douggie and his assistant were thrown some fifty to sixty feet along the drive, when a second explosion came from behind them hurling them both back along the drive again.

It would appear as though there was an accumulation of marsh gas behind the door, - a thing very uncommon in South African Mining - and this became ignited by the hand lamps that Douggie and his assistant were carrying.

Gas is a terrible thing, especially when ignited, and this instance proved no exception. Douggie was burnt - literally - back and front from head to toes. The only part of his flesh not burnt was the part protected by his leather Scout belt. His assistant was not quite so badly burned but nevertheless very seriously.

Out it came "SERVICE TO OTHERS" and although Douggie was so severely burned he carried his native assistant 300 feet up the stope and rang for medical assistance.

On the arrival of the First Aid team Douggie insisted that his native be attended to first. Both received attention and were raised to the surface where ambulances were waiting to rush them off to the hospital.

The S.M. on his way home from Church stood at a cross street to allow the ambulances to pass. Little did he know that one contained his dearly loved Douggie.

The native died during the night, but Douggie held on. For a whole week he lay on his bed at the hospital, swathed in bandages. At each dressing when the bandages were removed strips of charred flesh came away too. Yet through all Douggie never murmured. Always a smile for his nurses.

Once only did he wince. On Friday - five days later - during the dressing an exceptionally raw place was caught by the bandage. For a moment he broke, but just for a moment, for with an enfeebled smile he looked at his nurse and said "God, nurse it's hard!"

But Duggie's work was completed for early the next morning the Master called him to "Higher Service" and Duggie obeyed the call.

He was carried to his last resting place the next afternoon (Passion Sunday), and many, many sad and full hearts there were as Duggie was laid to rest.

He had shewn his Crew the way, his work had been nobly done. Can you wonder that our Crew is dedicated to his memory?

To perpetuate his memory, each year at Passiontide we hold an "All-night Vigil" to thank God for Duggie's example and ask that we may follow in his footsteps.

Perhaps sometime you may care to join us in that Vigil and thank God for a Rover and - - -

"One of South Africa's best"

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1st Boksburg (Douglas Harwood) Crew.

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## CAREERS FOR BOYS.

by Roxy

### THIRD ARTICLE

You hold in your hands  
Wonderful tools,  
Carve with them the likeness  
Of God's truth, in such beauty  
That men will fall down  
And worship it.

H. A. Parker.

### Engineering:

This profession has two main divisions, viz :- mechanical and civil.

Mechanical :- A sub-division of mechanical engineering is Chemistry. (measuring strength of material, etc.) There are two methods of obtaining this degree, viz :-

1. A four years' B.Sc. engineering course at a University (the fees are about the same as a medical course, less two years fees), or
2. A two or four years course at a Trade School. The inclusive fees being £20.0.0 Per annum. A two years course receives a remission of one year from the indenture and a four years' course receives two years remission. A lad may also be indentured straight from school for a period of five years.

In all cases he may study for the mechanical engineering degree either at the Technical College or through correspondence courses. Matriculation is an essential qualification whether he wishes to become a mechanical engineer or an engineering chemist.

Civil : - This division includes building edifices, railway lines, large water schemes, bridges, etc. A lad may take a four years' B.Sc. civil engineering course at a University. (The fees are about the same as above), or he may be articled to a civil engineer for four years and must attend technical classes or take a correspondence course. Matriculation is essential. Salary depends upon the employer, usually it is £5.0.0 per month the first years, rising to £10.0.0, £15.0.0 and £20.0.0 per month for the following years. He should then be able to earn £40.0.0 or more per month, according to his ability.

#### Draftsmanship :

There are various types of draftsmanship such as architectural, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, structural engineering, etc. No standard of education is laid down. It is however not advisable to take up these courses unless the lad wishes to specialise where matriculation is essential. Should he desire to become an architectural draftsman his aim should be to ultimately become an architect; if a mechanical draftsman - to become a mechanical engineer; if an engineering draftsman - then either a civil or structural engineer.

Salary depends entirely upon the ability of the individual but is usually the same as for engineering. There is no age limit. The period of indenture is usually four years. Prospects are considered to be good.

#### Boilermaker and Welder :-

This is a trade with excellent prospects, very few men being out of work. (The word "Boilermaker" is a misnomer, as it is really structural engineering work in iron.)

A lad must be 16 years of age and of Standard six. The indenture is for a period of five years. If attending a trade school up to four years the student receives a remission of one year for every two years trade school attendance. The salary is the same as for "Fitter and Turner" (see April issue *Yeld Trails*).

#### Stone Mason:

This is also a trade with excellent prospects. A lad should be of good physique as the tools used are usually fairly heavy and the work is strenuous. The work is mostly outdoors. There is a slight inclination to phthisis, but with ordinary precaution this can be eliminated. To enter this trade the lad must be 15 years of age and of standard 7. The indenture is for a period of five years. The trade school remission is the same as for "Boilermaker & Welder". The salary is 10/- per week the first year and then 30/-, 45/-, 65/- and 75/- per week for the following years. After the indenture the pay is 3/6 per hour (Union pay.)

(To be concluded)

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#### NEW SPECIAL SERVICE BATTALIONS.

The Department of Social Welfare recommends the establishment of a new S.S.B. for boys ineligible for enlistment in the existing units. There will be two types of units, one for boys under 17 years - irrespective of educational or physical qualifications - and the other for young men of 17 to 25 years who have passed standard 6 but who are not quite physically perfect.

Those wishing to join may obtain full details from the Employment Officer, Witwatersrand Juvenile Affairs Board, 182 Jeppe Street, Johannesburg.

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#### CREW FLASHES.

There has been a bad falling off in the supply of Crew Flashes which is to be regretted as it is one of our few means of keeping in touch with one another.



1ST BELGRAVIA-KENSINGTON.

On May 13 the Crew met for the first time for a couple of months. The purpose of the meeting was a Show-down, and to decide whether to carry on or not. Result -- everybody feels much better at having got a few grouses off their chests and it has been decided to carry on, but a fresh start all together, is to be made.

UNIVERSITY CREW.

Well folks you have probably been wondering what has happened to Wits University Crew in the past, possibly because our activities are not nearly as many or varied as other crews owing to the difficulties of fixing a time to suit everybody taking different courses.

Despite all this we volunteered to make the Trojan Horse "Delos" - and we did! perhaps many of you saw it on the day of the Rag (if not see picture (if any)). It had a door in its side and could accommodate about 6 people (I won't say comfortably) in its "tummy". The head, ears and mouth were all attached by means of universal joints to allow for movement in any direction under the control of the driver. Of course to crown it all we placed a pretty girl on its back it had a hole on the top of its back so that she could ride it by dangling her legs in its tummy thus preventing any likelihood of becoming bow legged like our friends out West.

To crown all our labours (about 2 weeks parttime job) we won the first prize (quite a nice little sum of money). All extras we have decided to donate to the Hospital and the rest - well we haven't quite decided yet.

Most of the Crew were attired as Trojan Scottish, one member having recruited about 150 boys and girls all together to swell our happy band - and to pull the horse of course.

We meet once a month (last Friday) in the evening and have lunch time meetings as decided from time to time.

Choerio for the present,

Chas. Martin.

Scribe.

1ST NORWOOD.

The first Norwood Group has finally been completed by the formation of a Rover Crew. We have a membership of 12, and are meeting pro tem in one member's tool shed until we are able to build a den on the Group property.

At present we are concentrating on passing our tenderfoot, & will then tackle the National Service Badge. We took part in the Rover Campfire and were glad to meet so many fellows from other Crews. You'll see more of us.

D. Dowie,

Scribe.

1ST ROSEBANK CREW FLASHES.

During the past month the Crew has had two very pleasant football matches. The first was against the Hatfield Crew, Pretoria and was played at Pretoria

After the match which was 3 - 1 in our favour the Hatfield Crew took us to their den where we spent a very pleasant afternoon. We thank you Hatfield! The second match was against 1st Primrose Crew at Rosebank. This match was 3 - 0 in our favour, and was a very even match. After the game tea was served in our den and the fellows mixed together with good spirit.

We are looking forward to a return match, Primrose!



We feel that it is a great shame that the Sunday football league fell flat, because the matches which have been played have been of great social value to all concerned.

OUR G.S.M. HAS GOT SPLICED!!

WHAT A SPLASH (or Flash)

Mr. Morton G.S.M.

to

Miss Nicol.

Good Hunting to you both!!

C. G. Armstrong,

Scribe.

### 1ST ST. PATRICKS.

The last month has been a very progressive one for our crew. Some of the items in our programme being :- observation tests, tenderfoot and second class work, lashing and plaster casts.

The crew also had a hike to Poplar Grove, which is about 8 miles from our den. The crew wish to convey their sympathy to Rover D. Toner who is in bed due to a slight accident, and we all hope for his speedy recovery. Again I would like to remind crew! of the beetle drive on June 13th in aid of funds for "Veld Trails", to be held in St. Patrick's Hall, 5th Street, La Rochelle.

Colonel.

### FINANCE.

The greatly increased size of Veld Trails during the last couple of months has led to a serious depletion of our funds. It was hoped that the bigger magazine would be more attractive, and that the circulation would increase, but increases have not been up to expectations, and unless something is done to increase our funds, a re-arrangement of the magazine may be necessary. If Rovers think this news sheet is worth keeping on, they will do their best to enrol new subscribers, and to raise funds, which should be handed to your Crew representative to be handed over at the Transvaal Rover Committee meetings.

Contributors to Veld Trails are reminded that it greatly aids the work of the Editorial staff if articles are written on one side of the paper only. If both sides are used, we have to re-type the whole of one side, and this holds up the work a great deal.